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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner is thanked for the review of the application as set forth in the outstanding office action. Reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following discussion is respectfully requested.

In the outstanding office action, Claims 10-19 have been allowed. Claims 2-9 stand objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, but are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Examiner is thanked for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Claim 7 has been cancelled, and Claim 1 has been amended, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter of these claims. Claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of original Claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments should be entered under Rule 1.116, since they place the rejected and objected-to claims in condition for allowance, and do not require further search or consideration.

Claim 1 stand rejected as being anticipated by Cordano et al. ("Cordano"). This ground of rejection has been mooted by amendment of Claim 1 to include features of Claim 7, now cancelled. Since Claim 7 was previously indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter, Claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-8 are also allowable, since they depend from Claim 1, and were indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter.

Claim 9 is in condition for allowance since it has been rewritten in independent form and was indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter.

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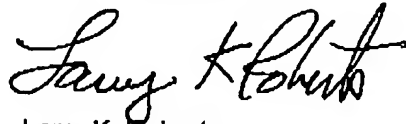
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Conclusion:

The outstanding rejection has been addressed, and the application is in condition for allowance. Such favorable reconsideration is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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